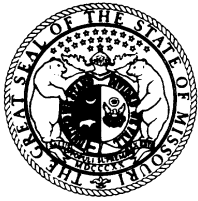


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**Situation Report**  
**Winter Storm**  
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**SUMMARY**

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on January 12, causing heavy damage throughout the state. An area from Joplin to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. A second round of freezing precipitation took place on Saturday, and a third round moved through the state on Sunday. **More snow is forecast to return to the state this weekend. The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a winter storm watch for Saturday afternoon and evening, in many of the same counties that were affected by the events last weekend.**

On Monday, the President authorized Public Assistance (PA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to local governments and qualifying non-profit agencies for debris removal and certain emergency protective measures (Categories A & B). The following counties were included in the disaster declaration: Barry, Barton, Callaway, Camden, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Lincoln, Maries, McDonald, Miller, Montgomery, Newton, Osage, Phelps, Polk, Pulaski, St Charles, St Clair, St Louis, Stone, Warren, Webster, Wright, and the City of St Louis. Additional counties may be added at a later date following preliminary damage assessments, which are expected to begin next week.

As of Wednesday afternoon, officials reported 119 shelters were open throughout the state, with a total estimated population of more than 4,300 people.

On Wednesday, state officials set up the Missouri Information and Referral Hotline to coordinate and distribute donations, volunteers and to provide information on local relief efforts. **The number is 888-377-2100, and will be staffed from 9am-9pm daily.**

**Fatalities**

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Dallas County	2	2 possible CO deaths
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Lawrence County	1	CO-related
Jasper County	1	CO related
Jackson County	3	3 traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
Newton County	1	CO related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	12	7 traffic-related; 5 CO-related

On Thursday, Newton County reported death of elderly woman related to CO poisoning.

### **Power restoration**

Officials report more than **87,000 customers statewide** are without power as a result of the storm. **Rural electric coops report 40,000 customers** without power. **Empire Electric reports 26,000 customers** in southwest Missouri are without power. **Springfield City Utilities reports 20,000 customers** still without power. **Power was restored to nearly all AmerenUE customers on Thursday.** Power for Aquila customers was restored on Tuesday in west-central Missouri. In some areas, officials are warning people to be prepared for power outages lasting another 7-10 days.

### **County Reports**

**Barry County**—Officials report 28,000 residents without power, including Butterfield. Phone service went down in Purdy overnight. Ten people affected by carbon monoxide Wednesday, with eight of them taken to the hospital for treatment. Power was restored to several areas in Monett on Wednesday. Eight shelters were open on Wednesday, with a population of about 125 people. Health and welfare checks for residents in rural areas were underway on Tuesday. EOC staffing, donations and debris management are issues of concern.

**Barton County**—One shelter was open Wednesday with a population of 40 people. All power is back on, roads are clear, and residents have returned home.

**Camden County**—Two shelters were open Wednesday with a population of 20 people.

**Cedar County**—Officials reported all shelters were closed Tuesday night. Power has been restored to Stockton and most other affected areas.

**Christian County**—Officials estimated **3,000 homes were without power on Thursday. Three shelters were open on Thursday, with a total population of 40 people. Health and welfare checks were underway on Thursday throughout the county.**

**Crawford County**—Two shelters were open Wednesday with a population of 21 people.

**Dade County**—Officials reported widespread power outages, which affected residents in Arcola, Dadeville, Everton, Greenfield, and Lockwood. Trees, power lines, and telephone lines are down on roads all over the county. **Four warming centers were open on Thursday.** Critical needs include additional food and water, debris removal assistance, and EOC staffing. Boil water orders remain in effect in four jurisdictions.

**Dallas County**—Officials report noticeable improvement in the power situation, although 80% of the county remains without electricity. Large outages are still being reported in Buffalo and Urbana. **Two shelters were open on Thursday, although population figures were not immediately available.** The extreme cold has caused problems with generators operating some of the municipal water systems.

**Franklin County**—Officials report 13,000 were without power early in the storm. One shelter was open Sunday night with a population of 10 people. Two warming centers were in operation on Monday.

**Gasconade County**—Officials reported power outages to about 5,000 people early in the storm. Two shelters were open Wednesday with a population of 25 people.

**Greene County**—Officials reported 40,000 homes without power on Wednesday, affecting all areas of the county. **Six shelters were open on Thursday, although population figures were not immediately available.** 85-90% of roads are now passable (at least one lane open). Authorities are conducting health and welfare checks. Debris clearance remains a high priority. Fuel availability situation has improved greatly. Trying to address needs for water for livestock. **There has been an increase in the number of structure fires, as power has been restored.**

**Henry County**—Officials reported one shelter was open Wednesday, with a population under 10 people.

**Hickory County**—Officials reported six shelters were open on Wednesday, with a total population of 119 people.

**Jasper County**—Officials report a death in Joplin is related to carbon monoxide poisoning. **An estimated 3,800 residents were without power on Thursday. One shelter was open on Thursday with a population of 30 people.**

**Laclede County**—Officials report widespread power outages. In Lebanon, 800 homes were without power on Tuesday. More than half the houses in the rest of the county were also without power on Tuesday. Officials say 25% of county residents have no phone service. Restocking fuel supplies remains an issue. 75% of roadways are impassable in eastern part of county due to downed trees and branches, making it difficult to conduct health and welfare checks. Six shelters were open Wednesday night with a total population of 635 people

**Lawrence County**—Officials estimated 25,000 homes remain without power on Wednesday. Limited power was being restored on Tuesday in Mt Vernon, but large outages remain in Aurora, Freistatt, Halltown, Miller, Pierce City, and Verona. **10 shelters were open Thursday with a total population of 230 people. Health and welfare checks were underway Thursday throughout the county.**

**Lincoln County**—Officials report significant power outages in Old Monroe. 54 people from a nursing home in Moscow Mills were evacuated to a shelter.

**Maries County**—Officials report power has been restored to most people in Vienna and Belle, **although power was still out to 25% of the county on Wednesday.** A boil-water order was issued for residents in Vienna on Tuesday. **Two shelter were open on Thursday, with population under 10 people.** Two warming centers were also being operated on Wednesday. Authorities are conducting health and welfare checks on residents in rural areas.

**McDonald County**—Officials report 30% of rural residents are without power and 50% of those in cities. Debris has been cleared on nearly half of the roads. **Four shelters were open on Thursday, but population figures were not immediately available.**

**Miller County**—Officials reported about 5,000 customers without power on Wednesday, mostly in the southern part of the county. **Two shelters were open on Thursday,** but population figures were not immediately available.

**Newton County**—Officials report 20,000 customers are without power Wednesday and one fatality due to C.O. poisoning. Operating six shelters for 366 people Wednesday night. The Guard has a liaison officer in their EOC. Starting to run short on some food items and need assistance with road clearance.

**Phelps County**—Officials report good progress on power restoration efforts in Rolla and St James. All warming centers have closed in St James. Debris removal is underway.

**Polk County**—Officials report widespread outages throughout the County, especially in Bolivar and Pleasant Hope. An estimated 8,000 customers in Bolivar are without power. **Health and welfare checks continued throughout the county on Thursday.** Three shelters were open Wednesday with a total population of 150 people. Boil water order is in effect in Morrisville. Need is for manpower/equipment for debris clearance and removal.

**Pulaski County**—Officials report about 4,500 homes without power. Boil water orders in effect in Richland and Crocker. Some fuel shortages still being reported. On Tuesday, officials said the power infrastructure in Richland had been destroyed by the storm. Ten shelters were open Wednesday with a total population of nearly 600 people.

**St. Charles County**—Officials reported less than 20 homes without power on Wednesday. All shelters were closed on Wednesday. The EOC discontinued operations on Tuesday. A debris removal hotline has been set up.

**St Louis City**—Officials reported no shelters opened and normal Fire/Police operations. They continue to monitor the situation.

**St. Louis County**—Officials reported 2,000 customers without power on Wednesday. There is no longer a demand for shelters. EOC has de-activated.

**Stone County**—Power is back on in most areas and roads are open. One shelter remains open near Hurley.

**Warren County**—Officials report 1,300 people without power early in the storm. Warming centers were opened Sunday night.

**Webster County**—Officials report 7,000 homes without power, affecting all areas of the County, including people in Diggins, Elkland, and Niangua. Officials are advising residents in Elkland that it could be up to 10 days before power is fully restored. One shelter open Wednesday with a population of 52 people. Boil water order remains in effect in Diggins due to problems with pump at the water tower. Officials report two CO cases requiring hospitalization. 95% of roads now passable.

**Wright County**—Officials reported hundreds of people were without power in areas north of Hartville. One warming center was open on Tuesday.

### **State Actions**

**Governor Blunt** issued Executive Order 07-02 on Saturday declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 07-03 that same day activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response. On Monday, the Governor requested a Federal Expedited Disaster Declaration for 34 Counties and the City of St. Louis. On Wednesday, Governor Blunt dispatched a team representing various state agencies to Springfield to make contact with local officials in affected areas in southwest Missouri. **On Thursday, team members made contact with local officials in Dallas, Dade, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, and Polk Counties. More contacts are planned for Friday.**

**State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) through 11pm Thursday. Staff will be manning the SEOC from 7am to 11pm daily beginning Friday. Those needing assistance after hours should contact the SEMA Duty Officer at (573) 751-2748. SEMA is also scheduling visits to start damage assessment with local officials next week.

**Missouri National Guard (MONG)** has about **500 people** assisting missions ranging from debris removal, to health and safety checks and transporting generators, cots, food, and blankets.

**Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)** reports seven people have died from weather-related traffic accidents. The latest accident occurred in St Francois County, where a woman was killed when her vehicle was swept off a low-water crossing by flood-waters.

**Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP)** is assisting with health and welfare checks in Dallas and Hickory Counties.

**Division of Fire Safety** is working requests for fire mutual aid and Incident Management Teams as needed. The State Fire Marshal reminds all jurisdictions to be careful with 1). Exceeding capacities, which would hinder prompt evacuation in case of fire at shelters, warming centers, and feeding centers. 2). Where use of generators is involved, make sure that they are properly vented and the fuel source is not leaking creating additional hazards.

**Office of Administration (OA)** has delivered over 100 generators throughout the affected area as well as 11 pallettes of Meals-Ready -to- Eat to the affected area. OA is checking on property damage at State properties.

**Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC)** is assisting with debris clearance activities in Greene, Laclede, Lawrence and Polk Counties.

**Dept of Corrections (DOC)** is assisting with transportation of donated goods and equipment across the affected area.

**Dept of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** is working on nursing home power restoration and checking for special-needs population health issues. The DSR is monitoring and assisting with health related issues.

**Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** is responding throughout the State. Several maintenance facilities are without power. Roads conditions are improving, but watching for re-freezing as temperatures drop below freezing.

**Dept of Mental Health (DMH)** is coordinating mental health providers and services across the affected area.

**Dept of Natural Resources (DNR)** has issued waivers on landfill restrictions and open burning for storm generated yard waste. Energy Center staff is working with fuel supply issues in the impacted counties. DNR is also providing assistance with debris clearance in the affected area.

**Department of Social Services (DSS)** is helping staff shelters with Division of Children Services staff where needed in several Missouri counties. DSS staff are also coordinating delivery of bulk food and water to agencies within the affected area.

#### **Volunteer Agency Actions**

**American Red Cross (ARC)** has been ordering and coordinating shipments of additional cots and blankets for people in the affected area.. 50,000 heater meals were delivered to Springfield on Tuesday. Local jurisdictions needing hot meals can contact the Red Cross about their availability.

**The Salvation Army (TSA)** is assisting with feeding and shelter operations throughout the state. TSA supplied 1,700 meals in Greene County yesterday. They are also setting up a center in Jasper County. Additional shelters are being set up in Hickory County.

**AmeriCorps** has deployed 35 volunteers in Missouri. Teams are active in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), as well as Barry, Dallas, Greene, Laclede, Lawrence, Polk, **and Pulaski** Counties. Volunteers are supporting operations in shelters and EOCs as well as supplying generators across the affected area. Volunteers are also staffing a donation hotline (888-377-2100).

#### **Weather**

The National Weather Service (NWS) forecast calls for overnight lows to drop into the 20s in most areas of the state. Highs are only expected to reach into the 30s on Friday. NWS in Springfield has issued a winter storm watch for Saturday afternoon and evening in much of southwest Missouri. Snow accumulations are currently forecast to be around 3-6" north of a Cassville-Houston-Salem line. This area includes many of the locations impacted by the ice storm last weekend. Minor sleet or ice accumulations are possible south of this line. Winds are also expected to increase as this system moves through the area Saturday night.

#### **Point of Contact:**

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed from 7am-11pm daily. After-hours calls should be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at (573) 751-2748.

**Persons affected by the storm who need information on relief efforts in their area can call the Missouri Information and Referral Hotline at 888-377-2100. This number will be staffed from 9am-9pm daily.**

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>